SIGH...
I'M BACK.
BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO IN-SIDE.
MAYUMI-SAN IS PROBABLY TELLING THEM ALL ABOUT IT.
HER DAD WAS WEAR-ING A BALA-CLAVA
MAYUMI-SAN SHOULD BE COMING BACK SOON.
17:4
I'LL SNEAK INTO MY ROOM BEFORE ANY-ONE NOTICES I'M HERE.
そお...
CREEP
HEY!
JUMP
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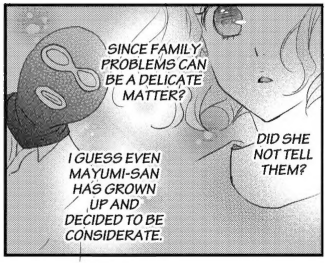
SIGN: LOVE KAWAI COMPLEX


SINCE FAMILY PROBLEMS CAN BE A DELICATE MATTER?
I GUESS EVEN MAYUMI-SAN HAS GROWN UP AND DECIDED TO BE CONSIDERATE.
DID SHE NOT TELL THEM?

THAT'S INFURIATING IN ITS OWN WAY.
AND THERE'S NO WAY MAYUMI-SAN WOULD EVER DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT.
IF SHE GROWS UP BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S JUST HUMILIATING!
ANYWAY, LOOK AT THESE FANS!
WHY DO THESE LOOK LIKE SOMETHING YOU'D SEE AT AN IDOL CONCERT?
SHIRO-SAN MADE THEM HIMSELF!
I HELPED, TOO!
LOVE 訶合井
SIGN: LOVE KAWAI COMPLEX
I THOUGHT WE COULD USE THEM AT THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TOMORROW.
EACH ONE HAS A DIFFERENT DESIGN ON THE BACK.
THE BACK?
SIGN: LOVE KAWAI COMPLEX

TEXT: GO GO FIREWORKS DISPLAY!
OH, THAT'S MAYUMI-SAN'S.
花火へ GO☆GO!
I KNEW IT.
I KNEW THERE WAS NO WAY.
WHAT?
LOOK AT YOU STARE AT HIM. DO YOU LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?
IT MUST BE TRUE.
I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE TOLD ME TO USE A PHOTO OF SOME MAN I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.
WHO DO YOU THINK HE IS? A WRES-TLER?
APPARENTLY MAYUMI-SAN'S A BIG FAN OF HIS RIGHT NOW.
MAYUMI-SAN SAID YOU'RE A FAN OF HIS, TOO, SO WE MADE ONE FOR YOU.

I DON'T WANT THIS!
WHY NOT? IT'S SO WELL MADE.
LET'S WAVE OUR FANS AT THE FIREWORKS DISPLAY TOGETHER.
Y-YOU... IDIOT!
ただいま～！
I'M BACK! ♡
SAYAKA-SAN CAN ONLY MANAGE A BASIC RESPONSE?!
WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED AT THE FOREST MIXER?
WEL-COME BACK!
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I GOT SOME DIRT ON SAYAKA.
N-NOTH-ING...
THE TRUTH IS?
WHAT?!

DID SHE FIND OUT?!
ABOUT THE RABBITS!
RABBITS?! WHAT DO RABBITS HAVE TO DO WITH HER OLD MAN?
OLD MAN?
WHAT? OLD MAN?!
WHAT?
WHY?

WELL, SHE TALKS ABOUT MY AGE AND MEN ALL THE TIME!
HMMM.
SURELY I CAN STRIKE AT HER WEAK-NESSES A LITTLE!
IT'S FAVOR-ITISM!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE RABBITS?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH SHE'S TORMENTED ME?
BECAUSE I THOUGHT IT WOULD START AN EVEN MORE POINTLESS AND BRUTAL FIGHT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT, MAYUMI-CHAN. YOU CAN'T USE PEOPLE'S PHOBIAS AGAINST THEM.
IN ANY CASE, THIS CROSSES THE LINE.
SIGN: GO GO FIREWORKS DISPLAY!, LOVE KAWAII COMPLEX
I GOT PER-MIS-SION FROM HER DAD!
HER MOM WAS REALLY INTO THE IDEA AND ASKED ME TO SEND HER SOME!
AAAUGH! WHAT AM I GOING TO DO, MOM?
A PRETTY GIRL SENT ME A MESSAGE OVER LINE!
I NEED TO PUT ON MY MASK!
YOU DON'T NEED A MASK TO USE LINE.
COULD YOU NOT LINE MY PARENTS?
...

BUT WHY DON'T YOU LIKE RABBITS?
THEY'RE CUTE.
I WAS WONDERING ABOUT THAT.
IT'S NOT VERY COMMON.
RABBIT PHOBIA.
DEPENDING ON YOUR ANSWER, I MIGHT BE WILLING TO FORGET ALL ABOUT IT.
...
WHEN I WAS LITTLE...
...MY FAMILY KEPT RABBITS.
BEFORE I KNEW IT, THEY HAD GOTTEN PRETTY LARGE AND BUFF.
BUFF
THE MOOD AT YOUR HOUSE DID SEEM LIKE IT WOULD TOUGHEN SOMEONE UP.

THAT'S WHY YOU DON'T LIKE THEM?
NO, NOT REALLY. I DID THINK THEY WERE CREEPY.
ONE DAY THE DOOR OF THEIR CAGE BROKE,
AND THEY RAN AWAY.
WE LOOKED FOR THOSE CREEPY THINGS, BUT WE COULDN'T FIND THEM.
AND I WOKE UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.
YOU SLEPT IN THERE?
IN THE PITCH BLACK STORE-ROOM,
I HEARD A SOUND.
MUNCH
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MUNCH
HE LEFT ME ON THE FLOOR OF A STORE-ROOM FULL OF VEGETABLE SCRAPS.
I'M NOT LETTING YOU OUT UNTIL YOU APOLO-GIZE!
SEVERAL MONTHS LATER, A LITTLE PRANK I PULLED RESULTED IN ALL THE CROPS BURNING TO THE GROUND, SO MY DAD TIED ME UP.
THAT IMAGE IS INSANE!

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THAT'S
WHEN I HAD A THOUGHT.

THEY ALL DECIDED TO FORGET ABOUT IT.

TEXT: LOVE KAWAI COMPLEX
DAY OF THE FIRE-WORKS DISPLAY
NOW, THEN.
I'M GOING TO HOLD A SPOT FOR US.
I PUT A SHEET DOWN, BUT I'LL BE WORRIED SO LONG AS NO ONE'S THERE.

WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?
YOU SURE?
IT'S HOT OUT.
DID THE RIVER BREEZE CHILL YOU?
THE AC IN THE POLICE BOX I WAS TAKEN TO WAS TOO STRONG.
...
BUT I CAUGHT A COLD.
THE SECOND TIME I WORE NOTHING BUT A FUNDOSHI AND GOT A TAN,
IT WAS THE BEST.
...
HOW NICE.
ONE OF THE RESIDENTS AT THE TIME
THE FIRST YEAR THEY LET ME BORROW A SIMPLE TENT.
BUT IT WAS LIKE A SAUNA IN THERE.
SHIRT: FIREWORKS

IT WAS PERFECT FOR BLOCKING THE SUNLIGHT AND HAD GOOD VENTILATION, TOO.
BUT IT WAS THE MOST COMFORTABLE.
YOU JUST CAN'T GET WHAT YOU WANT, CAN YOU?
THAT WAS MAYUMI-SAN, WASN'T IT?
THE THIRD TIME SOMEONE ROLLED ME UP INSIDE A THICK ALUMINUM SHEET.
SO SLOPPY.
I'M NOT HELPING YOU WRAP YOURSELF.
SO I'M WRAPPING MYSELF AGAIN THIS YEAR, THIS TIME WITH TWO SHEETS!

YU-KA-TA...
THANKS!
WE'LL TAKE THE COOLER WITH US.
WE'RE OFF.

SENPAI,
SEE YOU LATER!
YU-KA-TA..
OKAY.
US GIRLS...
WILL BE PACKING DINNER!
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WHAAAT
IT'S ALL SIMPLE STUFF.
LIKE RICE BALLS AND FRIED CHICKEN.

YEAH, NO.
OYA-KODON!
IF YOU HAVE ANY REQUESTS, LET ME KNOW.
I'LL MAKE IT IF I HAVE THE INGREDI-ENTS.
RIT-CHAN, WHAT ABOUT YOU?
BUT I DONT HAVE SHRIMP.
LIKE FRIED SHRIMP.
I HAVE LOTS OF STUFF LIKE THAT.
SOMETHING TO EAT WHILE WE DRINK.
MAYBE HAMBURG STEAKS?
...

OH, GREAT IDEA!
THEY'RE EASY TO MAKE, TOO!
AND USA-KUN LOVES THEM.
WHAT?
WHY DO THEY HAVE TO BE HEART-SHAPED?
WHAAAT?
I KNOW, LET'S MAKE THEM HEART-SHAPED.
TH-THAT'S NOT...
HE'LL BE SO HAPPY.

UGH...
IS THERE SOME PROBLEM WITH THEM BEING HEART-SHAPED?
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE CUTE.
WHY DON'T WE...
...MAKE SOME SHAPED LIKE LETTERS, TOO?
カナ〜しA
WE'LL MAKE NORMAL ROUND ONES!
WHAT? WHY?
I BET YOU'RE PLANNING TO FLIP THEM UP-SIDE DOWN.
SO UNDER-HANDED!
カガ〜
ANNOYING

CHILL YOUR HANDS AND KNEAD THE MEAT WELL.
WITH LOVE.
SAYAKA-SAN, PLEASE!
SQUISH
MA-YUMI-CHAN,
DON'T CHILL YOUR HEART, TOO.
THERE!
YOU BOTH LOOK GREAT.
RIT-CHAN, YOU'RE REALLY NOT GOING TO WEAR A YUKATA?
I JUST WORE ONE THE OTHER DAY.
BUT YOU COULD GO ON A YUKATA DATE AT NIGHT.
THAT MAKES ME WANT TO WEAR ONE EVEN LESS.

THESE FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ONLY COME ONCE A YEAR. IT WON'T BE FUN IF YOU DON'T WEAR SOMETHING A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
MAKE YOURSELF UP A LITTLE BIT! DON'T JUST WEAR WHAT YOU ALWAYS WEAR!
HAYASHI-SAN SAID THE SAME THING...
THIS IS WHAT I ALWAYS WEAR!
ARE YOU TRYING TO CHARM HIM WITH REGULAR CLOTHES THIS TIME?
REMADE
SAYAKA
I BET SHIINA-SAN WILL DRESS HERSELF UP TO LOOK SUPER CUTE.
TWITCH
I'LL DO YOUR HAIR AND MAKEUP!
WHAT?
B-BUT...
HE DOESN'T LIKE MAKEUP.
HE'S TRAUMATIZED!

DON'T WORRY! I'LL MAKE IT NATURAL (FOR MEN WHO DREAM ABOUT GETTING WITH A GIRL).
ACHOO
はくしゅ
A COLD?
OH!
NO!
I DON'T LIKE IT MUCH, EITHER!
OH, YOU MEAN USA-KUN IS!
WHY DO THEY HAPPEN SO?
WEAR SOMETHING CUTE.
JUST GO GET CHANGED.
IT DOESN'T HURT ME IF THEY FLIRT WITH EACH OTHER.
BE-SIDES...
WHAT?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE ENCOURAG-ING THEM TOO MUCH?
HEY, SAYA-KA!

SMILE
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I'M THINKING OF WEAKENING YOU LITTLE BY LITTLE BY WHITTLING THE MEDDLESOME SPEARS OF A THIRTY-YEAR-OLD DOWN INTO TOOTHPICKS WITH AN AURA OF YOUTHFULNESS.
RABBITS DON'T EAT IN THAT DISGUSTING WAY!
LIKE A RABBIT NIBBLING AWAY AT ITS PREY.
SIGN: BUTTERED POTATOES, GRILLED SQUID, TAKOYAKI
I SAID I WAS SORRY.
特製
しゃがバター
CHATTER
CHATTER

MAYUMI-SAN SAYS THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY HERE.
THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE NOW.
MY OWN FIRE-WORKS?!
IS IT TIME...
FIRE-WORKS WITH SEN-PAI...
HEY.
...TO LAUNCH YOUR OWN?
THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING REALLY WELL LATELY!

SEN-PAI...
YOU DON'T HAVE A BOOK WITH YOU!
I CAN'T READ IN THE DARK!
AND ARE YOU WEARING MAKEUP?
SAYAKA-SAN MADE ME WEAR IT.
AND SOME OTHER THINGS.
...
IT...
IT LOOKS WEIRD, DOESN'T IT?

NOT AT ALL!
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU NORMALLY WEAR, SO IT'S KIND OF FRESH!
REALLY?
I GUESS IT'S TIME...
OF COURSE! YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
YOU'RE EXAGGERATING! YOU DON'T NEED TO FLATTER ME!
...TO LAUNCH MY OWN FIREWORKS!
BROUGHT A TWO LITER BOTTLE